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DAMAGE ESTIMATES EXCEED \$30 MILLION

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FRANKFORT, Ky. - May 10, 2010 - After a weekend of damage assessments across the state, the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KyEM) estimates more than \$30 million in damage to public and private property from floods that struck Kentucky on May 1.

The state threshold for federal public assistance is \$5.2 million.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) teams joined state and local emergency officials and the Kentucky National Guard on Friday to canvass counties for damage assessment.

Assessment teams are estimating costs for both public assistance (federal reimbursement for state and local government expenses) and individual assistance for private citizens. Teams have visited two dozen counties already, with more scheduled this week.

As of Monday afternoon, 80 counties and 38 cities have declared states of emergency. Of the 80 counties, 59 have submitted initial damage assessments to KyEM, and emergency officials expect the remaining counties will complete their initial assessments by this Friday.

Officials encourage those who have suffered property damage to photograph the damage, save any repair receipts and report damage to their local emergency management director.

Body of Pulaski Co. Kayaker Recovered

Late Friday afternoon, Pulaski County officials recovered the body of the missing 18 year old whose kayak capsized while on Lake Cumberland last week.

Four people have been killed as a direct result of the storms and two others have died while kayaking in the floodwaters.

For additional disaster recovery information, including FEMA assistance programs, visit the KyEM website at www.kyem.ky.gov.

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